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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Frank Carr, Commissioner
Automated Data & Telecommunications Service, GSA.

Gerald Dinneen, Assistant Secretary of Defense
Communications, Command, Control & Intelligence

Lt. Gen. Lee Paschall, Manager
National Communications System

Adm. Bobby Inman, Director
National Security Agency

FROM:

Frank Press, Chairman
SCC Special Subcommittee

SUBJECT:

Executive Secure Voice Network (ESVN)

References:

- (a) NSC Memorandum: Executive Secure Voice Network Implementation Plan, June 1, 1976
- (b) DOD Memorandum: Executive Secure Voice Network (ESVN), May 17, 1978
- (c) GSA Letter: Executive Secure Voice Network, May 19, 1978

The Office of the Secretary of Defense has recommended that the ESVN be declared an interim operational system to provide secure voice service to selected government users pending receipt and review of the Pilot Program evaluation report. I concur with the recommendation. An unfavorable review shall be reported to the SCC special subcommittee for decision. A favorable review of the evaluation report should be followed by an Executive Agent, COMSEC decision declaring the network operational.

To assure uninterrupted network operation the GSA shall continue their O&M responsibilities and should continue to use the Federal Telecommunications Fund as the GSA mechanism for this activity.

The NSA is to provide technical support to the GSA as required.

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The 100 KY-70's funded under the ESVN R&D program will remain deployed as part of the overall network configuration subject to reallocation by the NCS as necessary. An additional 150 terminals validated by the SCC special subcommittee comprise the balance of the network population.

The NCS shall continue as the overall ESVN program coordinator. This responsibility includes technical equipment prioritization and reallocation authority.

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